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FUTURE OF WEST BANK

1. EX-HEBRON MAYOR JA'ABARI'S CALL, DURING HIS CURRENT
AMMAN VISIT, FOR AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN POLITICAL
FRONT TO WORK ALONGSIDE THE PLO IS, NOT SURPRISINGLY,
GETTING NO FAVORABLE ECHO FROM OTHER WEST BANKERS.
DURING DEC 30 CALLS ON HEBRON MAYOR QAWASIMA AND HALHUL
MAYOR MILHAM, DPO WAS POINTEDLY RE-ASSURED THAT PLO
ALONE WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK FOR THE WEST BANK. BOTH
MAYORS ALSO MADE NEGATIVE REMARKS ABOUT REPORTED
INITIATIVE BY KING HUSSEIN TO INVITE ALL WEST BANK
MAYORS TO COME TO JORDAN.

2. ON RELATED QUESTION OF JORDANIAN INTEREST IN AND
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WEST BANK, QAWASIMA CONFIRMED
THAT HEBRON HAS STILL RECEIVED NOTHING SINCE HIS
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AMMAN VISIT IN AUGUST. HE OPINED THAT, ALTHOUGH
KING MAY BE HOLDING BACK AID BECAUSE OF JORDANIAN
BUDGET DIFFICULTIES, THOSE AROUND THE KING ARE
OPPOSED ON POLITICAL GROUNDS.

3. IN COMMENTING ON QUESTION ABOUT FUTURE STATUS

OF WEST BANK, QAWASIMA OBSERVED THAT CONTROVERSY
OVER WHETHER SUCH A STATE SHOULD BE COMPLETELY
INDEPENDENT OR FEDERATED WITH JORDAN WOULD BEST BE
ANSWERED BY PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES. ACCORDINGLY
HE SUPPORTED INITIAL GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO
WEST BANK/GAZA AND THEN ALLOW SELF-DETERMINATION BY
CITIZENS.

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